

## FRESH FISH WAR.

### T Wharf Dealers Are Having a Sharp Contest.

National Fish Company Is Making Things Lively.

There is merry war on T wharf, and the fishermen are reaping the benefit. The National Fish Company, the combination made about a year ago, and the individual dealers are bucking each other, and in consequence, the price of fish has been kept up at big figures.

This morning the fight is warmer than ever, and of course the prices rose with the heated temperature of the buyers. For cod and haddock, \$7.35 per hundred weight was paid, while hake brought \$2.50 and pollock \$2.75.

The cause of all this is said to be that the National Fish Company has started in to run things to suit itself. Previous to a few weeks ago, it has been so that when a trip of fish was bought, it was divided up as usual in the old days, between the big concern and the individual houses; outside the combine. Now it is claimed that the National, feeling its growing strength, has started in to freeze out the small firms; or rather those outside the combine. This it is said they are trying to do by attempting to prevent the firms from getting a supply of fish, and in order to do this are buying whole fares and not having them taken up by card by any and all dealers as was previously the custom.

The result is not easy to predict, but while the war lasts the fishermen at least will reap the benefit of fancy prices.

It was the inauguration of this contest that caused the T wharf boycott against the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company and Atlantic Halibut Company to be virtually dropped.

#### Fine Stock and Share.

Sch. Eliza B. Campbell, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson, stocked \$3500.19 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$91.

#### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

##### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. M. H. Perkins, shore, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Gardner Heath, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Ida L. Miller, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Epes Tarr, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Mist, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Sheffeyld, shore, 40,000 lbs. pollock.  
Str. Carlotta, Ipswich Bay, 90 bbls. fresh herring.  
Str. Three Brothers, Ipswich Bay, 60 bbls. fresh herring.  
Sch. Noonday, shore.

##### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.  
Sch. Harry L. Belden, haddocking.  
Sch. Hattie and Lottie, haddocking.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, haddocking.  
Sch. Mattakeselt, haddocking.  
Sch. Horace B. Parker, haddocking.  
Sch. Georgie Campbell, halibuting.  
Sch. Nelson Y. McFarland, Georges.  
Sch. Louisa Polleys, Georges.  
Sch. Triton, Georges.  
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.  
Sch. Penobscot, Georges.  
Sch. Arbitrator, halibuting.

## FREAK LOBSTERS CAUGHT.

Multicolored Specimens and Others of Various Shapes and Sizes.

This port has long had the reputation of being a famous lobster market, but within two or three years it has branched out in a new direction, says the Portland Express. It can lay claim to fishermen who will catch more freak lobsters in a given space of time than there is any other record of.

It began when John Holloway brought some blue lobsters to the Maine Lobster Company. It was at first thought that John had been dying his prizes in indigo, but the color could not be rubbed or scraped off and was finally pronounced natural. These deserters of the good old green which crustaceans usually pride themselves on were shipped to New York, where they they still form an interesting exhibit at the Aquarium in Battery Park.

This seemed to start the ball rolling, and since then all sorts of curios in the lobster line have been coming in. A. J. Oliver, the Commercial wharf dealer, has had two blue ones within a few weeks. N. F. Trefethen, on Portland pier, received two rare specimens a short time ago. One had three perfectly formed large claws instead of two. The other was the most elaborately colored lobster ever seen at this port. It can be described only by saying it was mottled, and the mottling was the strangest conceivable. Nine distinct colors, including bright red, green, blue and yellow could be counted, and they all pronounced.

These multicolors were put on in grotesque patterns of all sizes. The lobster was perfectly formed and lively as the proverbial cricket.

It remained, however, for C. W. Marston, a Custom House wharf dealer, to receive the strangest invoice. Within a year he has picked from his case several lobsters with one of their claws shaped into a perfect representation of some foreign object. One claw was a true bird's neck and head, feathers, eyes and beak being plainly reproduced in the shell.

Another possessed a claw that in shape was a human limb. On the tip was a boot with heel, toecap and even buttons, the latter formed by protuberances on the shell. It has excited considerable curiosity, and even old fishermen are at a loss to account for these freaks.

#### To-day's Market.

Board of Trade prices: large handline Georges cod, \$3.34 per cwt., medium do., \$2.12; large trawl Georges, \$3.12, medium do., \$2.38; handline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$3.12; medium do., \$2.38; large trawl bank cod, \$2.75; medium do., \$2.25 large dory handline cod, \$2.78, medium do., \$2.38.

Splitting prices, large cod, \$2.00, medium do., \$1.25; snapper do., 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.15; snapper do., 40 cts.; haddock, 75 cts.; hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$3.75 per cwt. for large, \$2.50 for medium and \$1.50 for snappers.

Outside sales dory handline cod, \$.300 per cwt. for large and \$2.50 for medium.

Outside sale of Georges cod, \$4.18 per hundred weight for large and \$2.62 for medium.

Outside sales of bank cod, \$3.18 per cwt. for large and \$2.58 per cwt. for mediums.

Outside sale of Rips cod, \$4.15 per cwt. for large and \$2.80 for medium.

Bank halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and 8 cents for gray.

Salt mackerel, \$14 per bbl.

Fresh mackerel, 14 cents each.

Fresh pollock, 65 cts. per cwt.

Bank halibut, 11 1-2 cents per lb. for white and 8 1-2 cents for gray.

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#### Boston.

Nov. 13—Ar., sch. Frank Foster, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.

Sch. Susie Hooper, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Almeida, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Emerald, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Thomas W. Knight, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Sylvester Whalen, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. Clara R. Harwood, 25,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Distant Shore, 6 bbls. herring.

Sch. Gertrude, 7 bbls. herring.

Sch. Vinnie A., 12 bbls. herring.

Sch. May, 15 bbls. herring.

Sch. Edna Perry, 2500 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. I. J. Merritt, Jr., 3000 haddock, 2600 cod, 500 hake.

Steamer Jessie, 10 bbls. fresh herring.

Steamer Empress, 25 bbls. fresh herring.

Steamer Ella, 10 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Clara M. Littlefield, 4000 haddock, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Lucy Devlyn, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sloop Venus, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Lavonia, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 5500 hake.

Haddock, \$5 to \$5.55; large cod, \$5 to \$5.55; small cod, \$3.75 to \$5; hake, \$1.50.

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#### From Yesterday's Late Edition.

### BIG SEASON'S WORK.

#### Sch. Mabel D. Hines Makes Two Remarkable Trips.

Landed 660,000 Pounds Cod, Stocking Over \$17,000.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, Capt. Lovett Hines, weighed off 325,135 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent Bank cod fishing trip, making the extra fine stock of \$10,135.34. This is one of the largest fares of the season, and the largest stock made for several years on a single trip.

On her previous trip the Hines weighed of 337,000 pounds, stocking \$7000. This was the largest fare of the season and with its successor, the two largest consecutive trawl Bank fares landed in one season, being over 662,000 pounds for the two trips.

With a stock of over \$17,000, the Hines is high line of the salt bank fleet this season. Capt. Hines is well known as a master mariner and fishermen of un doubted ability, and always found near the top of the list at the end of the season, besides several times being high line.

#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Alva sold to the Atlantic Halibut Co. for 9 and 7 cents a pound for white and grey.